

## Diary

Mon	10th March	9:00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
		1.30pm	Lent Group at Springfields
		7.00pm	Prayers of Love and Faith at Highnam
Tues	11th March	9.00am	Collective Worship at Highnam Academy
		11.30am	Burial of ashes at Minsterworth Church
Thurs	13th March	9.00am	Wild Wanderings from Highnam Academy
		3.15pm	Sportily after school club - Highnam Academy
		4.30pm	Sportily Youth Sports Hub - Highnam Academy
		7.00pm	Choir practice at Highnam Church
Sat	15th March	10-12noon	Fire Extinguisher Training at Highnam Church

### Sunday 16th March

9.30am	Holy Communion at Minsterworth Church
11.00am	Holy Communion at Highnam Church
	Lent Lunch
5.00pm	Family Huddle at Highnam Academy

### New Electoral Role 2025

We are required to produce a **NEW ELECTORAL ROLL in 2026**. If you are already on the electoral roll, you will soon receive a letter with an application form. Please complete and return as directed **by 13th April** at the latest or you will not be included on the new electoral roll. If you are not currently on the electoral roll and would like to be, please pick up an application form in church or contact the Administrator to request one.

### Contacts

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The United Benefice of  
 Highnam, Tibberton with Rudford and Taynton and  
 the Parish of Minsterworth

## Sunday 9th March

## First Sunday of Lent



*A very warm welcome to our services*

*If you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time, we do hope that you will enjoy the service.*

*Please introduce yourself to the clergy and the worship team.*

### Sunday 9th March - Today's Services

9.30am	Holy Communion	Rudford
11.00am	Holy Communion	Taynton
11.00am	The 11 O Clock	Minsterworth
5.00pm	Taize	Highnam

### Bible Readings

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Romans 10.8b-13

Luke 4.1-13



### Collect

Heavenly Father,  
 your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
 and grew closer to you in the desert:  
 help us to use these days to grow in wisdom  
 and prayer  
 that we may witness to your saving love  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Lent Lunches

Everyone is warmly invited to one or more of our simple bread and soup lunches in support of Christian Aid. You are welcome to drop in anytime between 12.00 and 2.00 on the following dates:

Date of Lunch	Host	Address
Friday - 21 March	Anna & David Ball	2 Beech Close, Highnam
Thursday - 27 March	Rita & Nigel Garbutt	Tudor Cottage, Minsterworth GL2 8JP. Tel: 750128 Turn right into narrow drive immediately before Oakle Street on A48

In addition, there will be a lunch after the 11:00 Eucharist on the Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday 16 March	From 12.30	Old School, Highnam
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Christian Aid is an organisation with a vision: a world free from poverty. Founded by British Churches in 1945, we follow Jesus' example and empower the world's poorest people to live a full, dignified life. We work globally, striving to achieve equality,

## Mothering Sunday

Sunday 30th March 10am – Highnam Primary Academy

## Café Church for all the Family

Informal service to celebrate all those who care for us with flowers, pastries and refreshments – ALL WELCOME!

Please note our service of Holy Communion will be held at 5pm in Highnam Church on this day



## ATTITUDE TO LIFE

## LENT GROUP 2025

Rev. Heather is running a Lent Group based on the Beatitudes (Matt. 5.3-10)

Come and reflect together on these 'eight radical sayings' and how they call us to *live* our faith as well as *believe* it.

Mondays at 1.30pm at Springfields, Lassington Lane, Highnam

**10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April**

### Coming Soon

Chris Gardner is preparing to convene a group to help us

Find Hope in a Time of Change and Anxiety

Watch this space for more info!



## Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you",  
and

"On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

## Romans 10.8b-13

'The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'